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OFFICERS FOR THE 1965 SESSION

Moderator—Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pinetown, N. C.
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
Secretary—Mr. Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.
Assistant Secretary—Mr. J. T. Keech, Pantego, N. C.
Treasurer—Mr. Isaac Furlough, Creswell, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Oscar Webster, Mr. Isaac Furlough, the Moderator of the Albemarle Union Meeting, President of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, President of the Albemarle League Union, and the President of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. L. E. Ambrose (65), Rev. A. B. Chandler (66)
Rev. Willie Twiddy (67)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. W. L. Brickhouse (65), Mrs. A. B. Chandler (66)
Mr. Ervin Forman (67)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. A. B. Chandler (65), Rev. Charlie Overton (66)
Rev. Robert May (67)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mrs. Archie Willoughby (65), Mr. Hilton Simmons (66)
Mr. Joe Newberry (67), Rev. L. E. Ambrose (68)
Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. (69)

BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Mrs. Betty Whitley (65), Mr. Tom West (66)
Mrs. Madge Vanhorn (67)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pinetown, N. C.
Rev. T. F. Davenport, Creswell, N. C.
Rev. Willie Twiddy, Lowlands, N. C.
Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Columbia, N. C.

Rev. James N. Webster, Winterville, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth—Mr. R. L. Waters, Clerk, Route 1, Jamesville, N. C.

Rev. Willie Twiddy, Pastor, Lowlands, N. C.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Howard Ambrose, Clerk, Route 2, Box 171, Creswell, N. C.

Rev. Sheldon Howard, Pastor, 3607 Buffaloe Road, Raleigh, N. C.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Route 2, Box 21, Plymouth, N. C.

Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, Ahoskie, N. C.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Ester Barber, Clerk, Roper, N. C.

Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Pastor, Columbia, N. C.

First Church of Plymouth—Mrs. Bill Alligood, Clerk, 113, Lathan Avenue, Plymouth, N. C.

Rev. Earl Menshew, Pastor, Plymouth, N. C.

Union Chapel—Mr. William H. Gurganus, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C.

Rev. C. D. Hamilton, Pastor, Fountain, N. C.

TYRRELL COUNTY

Sound Side—Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Pastor, Pinetown, N. C.

Gum Neck—Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, Clerk, Route 3, Columbia, N. C.

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Pastor, Creswell, N. C.

Malachi's Chapel—Mrs. W. T. Reynolds, Clerk, R.F.D., Columbia, N. C.

Mr. Ernest Moseley, Moderator, Columbia, N. C.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union—Mr. Darrell Windley, Clerk, Route 1, Pantego, N. C.

Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pastor, Pinetown, N. C.

Trinity—Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Route 1, Plymouth, N. C.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Pastor, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Belhaven—Mrs. Douglas Spencer, Clerk, Route 1, Belhaven, N. C.

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Supply Pastor, Creswell, N. C.

Sidney—Mr. Eugene S. Linton, Clerk, Route 2, Belhaven, N. C.

Rev. John Grimsley, Pastor, Bridgeton, N. C.

Shiloh—Mrs. Hallet Harris, Clerk, Pinetown, N. C.

Rev. John Grimsley, Pastor, Bridgeton, N. C.

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel—Mr. William O. Dilday, Clerk, Route 4, Ahoskie, N. C.

Rev. Robert May, Pastor, Route 4, Ahoskie, N. C.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul—Mrs. Lloyd Eure, Clerk, 107 Casey Street, Elizabeth-City,
N. C.

Did not have pastor at time of conference.

Virginia Beach Mission—Mrs. Lena Scott, Clerk, Virginia Beach, Va.

Albemarle Union Meeting—Mr. J. T. Keech, Clerk, R.F.D., Pantego,
N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The twentieth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Gum Neck Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina, October 8, 1964.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.

Devotions were conducted by Mr. Hilton Simmons.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. L. E. Ambrose. The response was given by Rev. Robert May.

The conference was called to order by the assistant moderator, Rev. A. B. Chandler. A letter from the moderator, Rev. Charlie Overton, was read. In it he stated he would be unable to attend.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the printed program as the order of business.

The roll of ministers was called and the following were present. Revs. L. E. Ambrose, A. B. Chandler, T. F. Davenport, Robert May, W. L. Brickhouse, and Willie Twiddy.

The delegates from the Virginia Beach Mission were recognized.

Visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present: Dr. W. Burkette Raper, Rev. Walter Reynolds, and Rev. C. H. Overman from the Central Conference; Rev. M. L. Johnson from the Western Conference; and Rev. Edgar Harding, conference not known.

Rev. Robert May was appointed to serve with the treasurer.

Enrollment of churches with fourteen reporting. They were: Corinth, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Zion, Piney Grove, Sound Side, Malachi's Chapel, Free Union, Trinity, Belhaven, Shiloh, Hickory Chapel, St. Paul, First Church of Plymouth, and Gum Neck.

A report was received from the Albemarle Union Meeting.

The following temporary committees were appointed:

Resolutions: Mrs. Archie Willoughby and Mrs. H. I. Fowler.

Temperance: Rev. W. L. Brickhouse and Miss Alice Webster.

Nominating: Rev. L. E. Ambrose and Mrs. Odelle Peele.

A report of the board of ordination was given by Rev. A. B. Chandler. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

A report was given of the 1964 session of the North Carolina State Convention by Mrs. Odelle Peele and Miss Alice Webster. Motion carried to accept report as information.

Rev. Willie Twiddy was appointed delegate to the Eastern Conference.

The following were elected as delegates to the 1965 session of the North Carolina State Convention: Mrs. Amanda Willoughby, Mrs. Odelle Peele, Mrs. Robert Davenport, and Miss Alice Webster.

Rev. Willie Twiddy was appointed to conduct a memorial service.

Rev. Robert May led the congregation in singing a song and an offering was taken.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

A report of the board of superannuation was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds, chairman-treasurer. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

Rev. Walter Reynolds, president of the North Carolina State Convention, gave a brief summary of the program of the convention, its vision and challenge. Report received as information.

Special music was rendered by the host church.

The convention sermon was preached by Rev. Walter Reynolds. His subject was "How Great Is Our God?" with Scripture taken from Psalm 95:3.

Following the benediction, lunch was served by the host church at the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional was conducted by Rev. L. E. Ambrose, reading for his Scripture, 1 Timothy 1. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Brickhouse.

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Willie Twiddy. The service consisted of a silent prayer, remarks, and an audible prayer.

Motion carried to pay \$26.23 to Rev. Charlie Overton for expenses incurred in his duties as moderator of the conference.

A report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. M. L. Johnson, superintendent of the Home. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A report on the work of the Virginia Beach Mission was given by Mr. George Wood.

A report of the resolutions committee was given by Mrs. Archie Wiloughby. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

A report of the temperance committee was given by Miss Alice Webster. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

A report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. Odelle Peele. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Isaac Furlough. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

Motion carried to adopt the minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn. Conference closed with prayer.

REPORTS

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the temperance committee, wish to submit the following report:

Since the world is looking on the church of today for guidance, let all of us who believe in the name of our Lord and Saviour be temperate in all things and abstain from the use of strong drink.

That all ministers preach the Word so that it will be so instilled in the minds of the people that they will know how to divide the truth and stand firm on the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

Miss Alice Webster

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the nominating committee, wish to make the following report:

Moderator: Rev. A. B. Chandler

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Charlie Overton

Secretary: Mr. Oscar Webster

Assistant Secretary: Mr. J. T. Keech

Treasurer: Mr. Isaac Furlough

Board of Trustees: Rev. Willie Twiddy for new term.

Board of Christian Education: Mr. Ervin Forman for new term.

Board of Ordination: Rev. Robert May for new term.

Board of Missions: Mr. Hilton Simmons to replace Mrs. Viva Spencer; Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. to full term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. L. E. Ambrose

Mrs. Odelle Peele

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Resolution No. 1:

Be it resolved that we urge our member churches to respect, abide by, and be governed by the Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Resolution No. 2:

Be it resolved that we extend to this church and community a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality during this setting of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Archie Willoughby

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

TREASURER'S REPORT

1963-1964

Received for Missions, October, 1963—October, 1964	\$ 103.87
Brought Forward	986.97
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Total for Missions	\$1,090.84
General Fund, October, 1963—October, 1964	\$ 217.65
Brought Forward	44.36
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Total in General Fund	\$ 222.01

EXPENDITURES

Mileage, Phone Calls, Minutes, Salaries of Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer	162.67
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 59.34

RECEIVED AT 1964 SESSION

Various Churches	\$ 157.00
Public Offering	37.72
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Total for 1964 Session	\$ 194.72
Amount Brought Forward	59.34
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Total	\$ 254.06
Received from Sidney Church	10.00
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Total	\$ 264.06
Paid Out for Mileage, Phone Calls, Minutes, and Officers Fees	89.42
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Balance in Treasury at End of 1964 Session	\$ 174.64

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Furlough, *Treasurer*

BOARD OF ORDINATION'S REPORT

Brother James N. Webster, a member of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pungo, North Carolina, met with the Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference at Ahoskie, North Carolina, on August 1, 1964, and successfully took the examination for ordination to the gospel ministry.

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference met at Trinity Church on August 8, 1964, for the purpose of ordaining Brother James N. Webster to the gospel ministry. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. A. B. Chandler, laying on of hands by all ordained ministers present, prayer by Rev. Willis Wilson of the Central Conference, the charge by Rev. Charlie Overton, and the presentation of the Bible by Rev. A. B. Chandler.

The right hand of fellowship for the conference was extended by Rev. Charlie Overton.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Overton
A. B. Chandler
Robert May

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Albemarle Conference for the year, 1963-1964:

1. We have 9 ministers who receive regular pension checks. Of this number one (1) is from the Albemarle Conference.

2. We have 19 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$375.22
(2) Auxiliaries	12.00
(3) Sunday Schools	213.25
(4) Leagues	15.00
(5) Individuals	186.40
(6) Union	66.96

Total	\$868.83
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4. The budget for 1964-1965 is \$20,000, based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

5. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

6. The following is a list of those who have enrolled in the "Ministerial Retirement System": Reverends Charlie Overton and Robert N. Rollins.

7. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds,
Chairman-Treasurer

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Receipts from September 1, 1963, to August 31, 1964

Churches	Amount
Belhaven	\$ 71.02
Corinth	144.18
Free Union	243.91
Gum Neck	198.56
Hickory Chapel	346.69
Malachi's Chapel	1,380.87
Mount Olive	10.00

Mount Tabor	629.86
Mount Zion	197.01
Miscellaneous	754.47
Piney Grove	65.00
Plymouth	62.01
Shiloh	470.36
Sidney	360.47
Sound Side	353.82
St. Paul	140.56
Trinity	261.52
Union Chapel	71.12

Total	\$5,761.43
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Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

July 1, 1963—June 30, 1964

Mount Olive College expresses its sincere appreciation to the Albemarle Conference for helping to provide Christian higher education for the youth of our church. The report below includes all gifts received, whether from the church, Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, leagues, or individuals.

Church	General Development		Total
	Fund	Fund	
Belhaven	\$ 12	\$ 30	\$ 42
Corinth	37	122	159
Free Union	260	561	821
Gum Neck	45	176	221
Hickory Chapel	335	492	827
Malachi's Chapel	148	164	312
Mount Tabor	247	259	506
Mount Zion	41	108	149
Plymouth	315	340	655
Saint Paul		140	140
Shiloh	141	240	381
Sidney	156	184	340
Sound Side	109	35	144
Trinity	409	333	742
Piney Grove		160	160
Union Chapel		86	86
Conference	241	103	344
Totals	\$2,496	\$3,533	\$6,029

(NOTE: The above figures are given according to the nearest dollar.)

Constitution of Albemarle Conference

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

SECTION 2—PURPOSE

The general purpose of this conference shall be to promote the great cause of Christ among men by means in conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1—COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of the ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that belong to the conference, all general officers of the conference, the members of standing boards or committees, the president or moderator of each subordinate general organization and the churches that hold their membership with the conference, together with those that may subsequently be admitted.

SECTION 2—REPRESENTATION

Every church affiliated with the Albemarle Conference shall represent in its annual session with two delegates, and each subordinate general organization shall represent with one delegate. A report from each church and subordinate organization shall be rendered at the annual session of the conference.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

The officers of this conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. The term of office for all officers shall begin at the close of the annual session at which they are elected.

Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed essential.

ARTICLE IV

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the method of this conference to simplify its work by the assignment of specific work to representative units of authority which shall hereafter be known as standing boards and committees.

A board of trustees, a board of education and a board of ordination consisting of three (3) members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be three years but shall be as adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A board of missions, consisting of five members shall be elected. The term of office for member of this board shall be five years, but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

SECTION 1

Standing boards shall have authority to write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to the authority and approval of the conference.

SECTION 2

The executive committee shall be composed of the general officers of the conference and the moderator or president of each subordinate general organization.

SECTION 3

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the conference program according to its membership.

Conference funds shall be used for the work and general expense of the conference. The use of all funds to be approved by the conference.

ARTICLE VI

ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Free Will Baptists and desires to help promote the program and work of the Albemarle Conference may submit its petition for membership through an official delegation at any annual session of the conference. If the petition for membership be approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates and declare them duly seated.

ARTICLE VII

FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Fraternal delegations and visitors shall be extended all the privileges of the conference except that of voting, serving on committees or holding elective offices.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

The Albemarle Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should such a change become necessary.

BYLAWS

SECTION 1

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Albemarle Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and subordinate general organizations, to sign official documents that require the signature of the moderator.

SECTION 2

The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and assist the moderator when called upon.

SECTION 3

The secretary shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the Albemarle Conference and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference; hold in trust all documents, not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference; conduct the official correspondence and sign documents and instruments as require his signature.

SECTION 4

The duties of the assistant secretary shall be the duties of the recording secretary when that officer is not present and to assist the secretary when called upon.

SECTION 5

The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference and pay out same by order of the conference, the executive committee or any standing board invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the conference.

SECTION 6

The executive committee shall have power to act in the behalf of and for the Albemarle Conference from one regular session to another. It shall organize at will and discharge the administrative duties assigned to it. It shall plan the programs of the conference. The executive committee shall meet as often as necessary for the good of the conference.

SECTION 7

The board of trustees shall hold title to all property belonging to this conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the conference.

SECTION 8

The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: obituary, temperance, resolutions, nominating and finance.

SECTION 9

All reports, resolutions and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

SECTION 10

No minister, officer or delegate shall be at liberty to retire from the building during a session of the conference without the consent of the moderator.

SECTION 11

If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his rights during the remaining part of that session of the conference.

SECTION 12

This constitution and bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-third favorable vote of the members present in a regular session. All amendments shall be on the table not less than three hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read at least one time.

A REMINDER: Every 20 sessions of the conference minutes shall be bound together into a book for the permanent records of the conference.

Churches	County	Delegates	No. Members	Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denominational Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Minutes	Value of Property
Corinth	Martin		48	3	2	\$1,581.80	\$ 256.18	\$ 1,909.65	\$15.00	8	\$ 8,000
Mt. Tabor	Washington	Mr. Lonnie Davenport, Mr. David Furlough	206	0	8	1,320.00	525.37	1,874.22	25.00	10	20,000
Mt. Zion	Washington	Mrs. Ruth Davenport, Mrs. Odelle Peele	66	1	1	1,270.00	497.59	4,201.73	5.00	6	10,000
Piney Grove	Washington	Mr. L. M. Davenport	73	1	2			1,298.10	7.00	6	5,000
Plymouth	Washington	Mrs. Dwight Miller		1	13	2,120.00	324.90	1,513.40	5.00	8	20,000
Union Chapel	Washington										
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Mrs. Elsie Sawyer, Mrs. Bennie Maitland	152	0	4	1,590.00	624.98	3,843.69	5.00	11	18,000
Gum Neck	Tyrrell	Mr. Henry Brickhouse, Mr. Leon Jones	118	0	4	600.00	96.15	834.63	10.00	5	10,000
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Voliva					1,132.24	1,082.24	10.00	11	68,000
Free Union	Beaufort		400	3	7	4,505.00	715.41	9,612.11	10.00	11	75,000
Sidney	Beaufort		125	4	4	1,790.00	1,100.00	2,855.51	10.00	6	20,000
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Laura Webster, Mrs. Madaline Stotesbery	73	0	1	1,440.00	742.83	3,140.01	10.00	7	15,000
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Emma Marriner	39	0	2	250.00	132.60	294.45	5.00	5	5,000
Shiloh	Beaufort	Mrs. Mildred Leggett, Mrs. Reba Osborne	252	1	13	1,200.00	1,151.65	3,136.79	25.00	11	30,000
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Miss Ethel Willoughby	195	14	5	4,160.00	1,385.54	11,820.11	15.00	11	90,000
St. Paul	Pasquotank	Mrs. H. I. Fowler, Mrs. Richard Spruill	70	1	5	2,795.00	266.65	4,385.96	10.00	7	35,000
Virginia Beach	Virginia	Mr. George Wood	35						10.00		
Union Meeting		Rev. W. L. Brickhouse							10.00		

